Shelf Life of Technical Grade Pesticide Formulations

*252. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI ROSHAN LAL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the shelf life of technical grade pesticides or its different formulations are approved by the expert panel appointed by the Registration Committee on the basis of the data submitted by manufacturers/formulators;

(b) whether the shelf life of Dithane M-45 manufactured by M/s. Indofil was approved by the Shelf Life Expert panel for one year;

(c) whether it is a fact that for increasing the approved shelf life to a further period the manufacturer/formulator is required to submit data to the Registration Committee for their approval and that M/s. Indofil never submitted any data to the Central Insecticides Board and neither the data given by them has been discussed by the Registration Committee; and

(d) if the answers to parts (a) (b) and (c) above are in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take against Indofil for marketing Dithane M-45 with 2 years shelf life ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Shelf-life of pesticides and their formulations are recommended by an Expert Panel consitituted for the purpose by the Central Insecticides Board, on the basis of the data available with them and with Indian Standard Institute, the various Pesticides Testing Laboratories, Pesticides manufacturers and their Associations and the available literature on the subject.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) It is a fact that as per the recommendations made by the Expert Panel on Shelf Life, the manufacturer/Formulator can seek approval for increasing the approved shelf-life for a product. The data generated for the purpose is considered by the Registration Committee before granting such an approval.

M/s. Indofil were granted registration in 1975 much before the recommendations of Expert Panel on Shelf Life became available. The shelf-life claimed by M/s. Indofil for the product, then was 2 years. However on careful consideration of the data, provisional approval was given for one year, in 1976.

(d) The action under the Insecticides Act, 1968, can be taken by the enforcement agencies. It has been reported by the Uttar Pradesh Government that action has been initiated against the firm for making unauthorised claim with respect to its shelf life.

Collaboration between IISCO and a Japanese Firm

*253. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have entered into a collaboration agreement involving the IISCO and a Japanese firm; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) an agreement has been signed between JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and the Government of India under which JICA will prepare a feasibility report for the modernisation of Burnpur Steel Works of IISCO. This feasibility report is expected to be submitted by JICA in April, 1987.